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REMARKS

The undersigned appreciates the interview held on October 11, 2005, regarding this application.

Claim 1 is herewith amended to add the subject matter of claim 4 which specifies that applicant's footwear further comprises inside filler material between the shell and lining of the upper and between the side sections of the U-shaped pad, and that the pad has a hardness and resistance to compression greater than that of the inside filler material. One embodiment of this filler material is shown at 111A in Fig. 15 and described in the specification on pages 11-13. This construction and its attendant advantages are neither shown nor suggested by the prior art.

Accordingly, claim 1 as amended is submitted as allowable.

Claim 7 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 10 adding the inside filler material specified in claim 10 to each of the first and second pads. This claim is believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

New claims 17 and 18 have been added to depend from claims 1 and 7, respectively, and to specify that the pad(s) is an integral part(s) of the footwear. These claims are submitted as patentable for the same reasons as claims 1 and 7,

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respectively, and because the prior art fails to show or suggest
this additional feature.

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Conclusion

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge a one month extension of time in the amount of \$60 to Deposit Account 19-1345.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and allowance of this application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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